GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS UNDER RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated/spent for different rural development programmes during the Eleventh and Twelfth Five Year Plan in the North-Eastern region, State-wise and programme-wise;

(b) whether the Government has set any Target under the said schemes, if so, details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any monitoring mechanism for overseeing the implementation of such programmes, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any study to evaluate the benefits accrued through such schemes to the people of the region; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) The Ministry of Rural Development implements the following major rural development programmes in the country including the North Eastern States. These are (a) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employee Guarantee Act (b) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (c) Indira Awaas Yojana (d) National Rural Livelihood Mission. Details of the funds allocated /spent for different rural development programmes during the Eleventh and Twelfth Five Year Plans in the North Eastern Region, State-wise and programme wise, is given as Annexure.

(b) The target set by the different programmes divisions during the 12th Five Year Plans in the N.E. Region are as follows. National Rural Livelihood Mission, during the Twelfth Five Year Plan, target to mobilize 61758 SHGs, provides Revolving Funds to 12295 SHGs and Community Investment Fund (CIF) to 4042 SHGs. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employee Guarantee Act is a demand driven programme and no target is set. During the Twelfth Five Year Plan, Indira Awaas Yojana has set a target to construct 65o245 houses in the North Eastern Region up to 2014-15.

(c) The Ministry of Rural Development places special emphasis on monitoring of its programmes being implemented in rural areas all over the country including the North Eastern States. Effective monitoring of the programmes is considered very important for efficient delivery at the grass root level particularly in view of the substantial step up in the allocation of funds for rural development programmes. In order to ensure this, the Ministry has evolved a comprehensive multi-level and multi-tool system of Monitoring for implementation of its programmes. Appropriate objectively verifiable performance indicators have been developed for each of the specific programmes, for effective monitoring at the District, Block, Gram Panchayat and Village levels so that alarm signals can be captured well in advance for mid-course corrections. The important instruments of monitoring are Review by Union Ministers, On-Line Reporting through MIS, Utilization Certificates/Audit Reports, Performance Review Committee Meeting/Regional Review Meeting, National Level Monitors, Vigilance and Monitoring Committees and Area Officers' Scheme.

(d) & (e) The Ministry of Rural Development gets conducted evaluation studies of its programmes from time to time. The major evaluation studies conducted by the Ministry of Rural Development in the last 10 years at all India level including N.E. Region were(i) Evaluation/Impact Assessment Study of Placement Linked Skill Development Special Projects under SGSY (ii) Evaluation of Training Programmes conducted by State Institutes of Rural Development (SIRDs) (iii) Impact Assessment Study of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (iv) Concurrent Evaluation of Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana(now renamed as NRLM) (iv) Evaluation Study of CSS of DRDA Administration.